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SUBJECT: JORDAN-SYRIAN U.S. AIR SERVICE

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1. I INFORMED KING JULY 18 OF PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL
OF SECTION 402 APPLICATION FOR JORDAN AND SYRIA
ON JULY 9. KING SAID HE IS EXTREMELY PLEASED
THAT SERVICE HAS BEGUN SO SUCCESSFULLY. FIRST
TWO FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN FULLY LOADED WITH PASSENGERS
AND FREIGHT. KING SAID HE HOPES THAT JORDANIAN
SERVICE, ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT AIRLINES, WILL
NOT BE JEOPARDIZED BY SYRIA'S LATENESS IN BEGINNING
TO FLY ITS AIRCRAFT ON THE ROUTE, A POINT OF
WHICH HE WAS AWARE.

2. EARLIER, WHILE WAITING TO SEE KING, ALIA
PRESIDENT, ALI GHANDOUR, TOLD ME HE WOULD
GO TO SYRIA TOMORROW (JULY 19) TO TRY TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS
WITH SYRIAN AIRLINES. HE INTENDED TO OFFER
SYRIAN AIRLINES 50 PERCENT OF THE PROFITS ON
THE RUN THROUGH DECEMBER IF THEY WILL ALLOW ALIA
TO HANDLE THE MANAGEMENT, TICKETING, AND OTHER
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ARRANGEMENTS. ALI GHANDHOUR SAYS HE WOULD LIKE
TO BECOME "CHAIRMAN" OF THE JOINT OPERATION FOR
THIS ROUTE. I ASKED HIM ABOUT LOSSES. HE SAID
HE WAS CONFIDENT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY AND WOULD
NOT INSIST ON SYRIA'S FORMALLY SHARING LIABILITY FOR SUCH
IF THERE WERE.
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